

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled without prejudice)
2. (new) A self propelled walk behind mower comprising:
 - a tractor unit having a forward end and a rearward end that define a lengthwise direction;
 - an engine mounted on said tractor unit;
 - hydrostatic drives mounted to said tractor unit that are driven by said engine;
 - drive wheels coupled to said hydrostatic drives at said forward end of said tractor unit;
 - a third wheel pivotally attached to said rearward end of said tractor unit that allows said tractor unit to stand upright with respect to a plane defined by said drive wheels and said third wheel when no implements are attached to said tractor unit and allows said tractor unit to make substantially zero radius turns;
 - handles attached to said tractor unit that extend rearwardly in said lengthwise direction, and that have controls that allow a user to control said tractor unit;
 - deck attachment arms that extend in a forward direction from said forward end of said tractor unit and that pivot at said forward end of said tractor unit in a direction that is transverse to both said plane defined by said drive wheels and said third wheel and said lengthwise direction;
 - a mowing deck having a forward end and a rearward end, and at least two front wheels mounted on said forward end of said mowing deck, said mowing deck having receivers disposed at said rearward end that detachably engage said deck attachment arms so that said mowing deck pivots with respect to said tractor unit in a direction that is transverse to both said plane defined by said drive wheels and said third wheel and said lengthwise direction, which allows said mowing deck to follow elevational changes as said self propelled walk behind mower traverses terrain having slopes that change with respect to both said plane and said lengthwise direction such that said handles maintain a substantially constant elevational position with respect to said user in said plane so that

said user can operate controls of said self propelled walk behind mower without substantial elevational movement of said handles in said plane while said self propelled walk behind mower traverses said slopes that change with respect to both said plane and said lengthwise direction.

3. (new) The self propelled walk behind mower of claim 2 further comprising:
a deck attachment receiver attached to said tractor unit that detachably engages said mowing deck and allows said mowing deck to pivot at said forward end of said tractor in a direction that is transverse to said plane.
4. (new) The self propelled walk behind mower of claim 3 further comprising:
a suspension that detachably connects said mowing deck to said tractor unit and supports said rearward end of said mowing deck.